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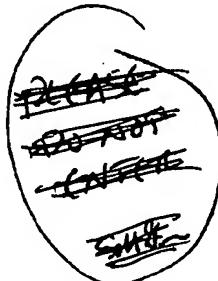


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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 3749.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SHUNDO HARADA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: GRAVINI, S.
SERIAL NO: 10/526,932 :
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FOR: DRUM DRIER :



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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